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SUBJ: CIVAIR: WAGE COMPLAINT AND THREAT AGAINST U.S. CITIZEN

1. MR. OSWALDO G. SANVITI, PERUVIAN PASSPORT HOLDER WHO WAS BORN IN ITALY AND HOLDS U.S. TRANSPORT PILOT LICENSE, VISITED EMBASSY MARCH 21 TO LODGE COMPLAINT FOR NON-PAYMENT OF WAGES AGAINST U.S. CITIZEN ROBERT FERGUSON, PRESIDENT OF SOUTH EAST ASIA TRANSPORT, SINGAPORE. MR. SANVITI ALLEGED MR. FERGUSON OWES HIM ABOUT \$40,000 DATING BACK TO FLYING OPERATIONS IN CAMBODIA IN 1974-75. HE ASSERTED, WITH CONVICTION, THAT HE WILL KILL MR. FERGUSON IF DEBT IS NOT SETTLED.

2. ACCORDING MR. SANVITI, HE WORKED RECENTLY FOR MR. FERGUSON FOR TWO-MONTH PERIOD ENDING JAN. 30, 1977, FLYING CONVAIR 340 TAIL NO. 99875, PAINTED WITH "BAYU AIR" LIVERY ON JAKARTA-SINGAPORE CARGO SERVICE. MR. SANVITI ALLEGES THAT AT END OF JANUARY, MR. FERGUSON GAVE HIM SINGAPORE-BANGKOK TICKET WITH ORDERS TO PICK UP CONVAIR 340 BEING REPAIRED AT THAI AM FACILITY AT DON MUANG AND TO FERRY IT TO SINGAPORE. HOWEVER, ACCORDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SANVITI, THAI-AM REFUSED TO RELEASE AIRCRAFT, CLAIMING IT IS OWNED BY A DR. GARFINKLE IN LOS ANGELES RATHER THAN BY MR. FERGUSON. SANVITI ALLEGES HE REPORTED FACTS TO MR. FERGUSON'S OFFICE MANAGER, MR JIMMY LEDNISKY, SINGAPORE TELEPHONE 254-4751, BUT HAS NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE AND IS NOW STRANDED AND DESTITUTE.

3. CLEARLY EMBOFF CANNOT VOUCH FOR MR. SANVITI'S STORY. HE IS

AMONG THAT GROUP OF MEN WHO FLEW FOR HIGH PAY FOR BIAFRA DURING WAR IN NIGERIA, THEN SHIFTED OPERATIONS TO PHNOM PENH IN EARLY 1970'S. SUBSEQUENTLY HE FLEW CARGO FROM BANGKOK TO VIENTIANE FOR CUBANS. CURRENTLY, IN ADDITION TO HIS GRIEVANCE AGAINST MR. FERGUSON, MR. SANVITI COMPLAINED OF AGONIZING PAINS IN HIS TEETH AND INABILITY TO SLEEP. EMBOFF, WHO HAS KNOWN MR. SANVITI FOR THREE YEARS, DIRECTED HIM TO CHULALONGKORN PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC FOR DENTAL HELP AND AGREED TO TRY TO CONTACT MR. FERGUSON WITH REGARD TO HIS ALLEGATIONS. THIS IS IN ESSENCE A TRADE COMPLAINT BUT MR. SANVITI, CLEARLY DISTRAUGHT FROM PAIN AS WELL AS WORRY, SPOKE CONVINCINGLY OF MURDER, A THREAT WE TAKE SERIOUSLY. EMBASSIES ARE, THEREFORE, REQUESTED TO CONTACT SOUTH EAST ASIA TRANSPORT REGARDING MR. SANVITI'S COMPLAINT. IF MR. SANVITI'S CHARGES ARE VALID, WE HOPE MATTER CAN BE RESOLVED. IN ANY EVENT, WE HOPE TO DEFUSE MR. SANVITI IF WE CAN.

4. MR. SANVITI GAVE EMBOFF LETTER ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR (WITH COPIES TO PRES. CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE), ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING MONEY ALLEGEDLY DUE HIM.
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